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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are Government aware of the fact that since this strike was called off at the instance of the Hon. Chief Minister, the Estate-owners in Wynaad have begun to victimize the workers reduce their services and subject them to various difficulties, and may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have received any representation from the Estate Workers' Union and if so, what steps Government have taken in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the information that I have is this: The issues that were raised are :—

(1) Calculation of wages for pluckers;

(2) Canteen;

(3) Wage for adolescent workers; and

(4) Cut in wages for short work.

The first two issues have been referred for adjudication. As for the other two issues, the Labour Officer has conciliated, after he had discussion both with the management and the workers and the information that I have is that both the parties have agreed to the suggestions made by the Labour Officer."

8-50 a.m. SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Estate-owners have issued notices to the labourers who took part in the strike, to quit their residence? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, was the promise of the Hon. the Chief Minister conveyed in writing or by him personally or was it merely an excuse that such a representation was made by the relatives of the man who was fasting, so that he could break his fast? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no question of promise whether in writing or oral. After all when the Hon. the Chief Minister said that the grievances would be looked into they would be looked into. Whether there is a fast or not, grievances of labourers are looked into by the Labour Department and the Government."

Construction of a bridge across Kudathalaiyar in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 662 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct an overbridge across the river Kudathalaiyar near the Poondi Reservoir in Tiruvallur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which it stands at present?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) A proposal for constructing a bridge across the Kudathalaiyar river near the Poondi Reservoir is being examined."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the proposal is under the examination of the Government, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the time that will be taken to have the proposal examined and if it is found feasible, will the Government come forward to put through the scheme? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, a list is being prepared for submission to the Central Government as the schemes are to be executed under the Central Road Fund. After examination this may be included in the list, and the final sanction has to come from the Government of India."

Construction of " cutcha " houses for Harijans.

* 663 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has submitted any scheme to Government for the construction of " cutcha " houses for Harijans;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to put it into operation; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the scheme on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

" (c) The question will be considered after the Government pass final orders on the scheme."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, when the scheme was submitted to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Six months ago, Sir."

Revision of voters' lists for the Local Board Constituencies.

* 664 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the voters' lists for the Local Board Constituencies were revised after the fresh Panchayat and Municipal elections; and

(b) if not, why?